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COUNTRY Palestine
SUBJECT Activities of the Mufti and
his Adherents
ORIGIN Jerusalem, Palestine

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SOURCE Source with contacts in the Jewish Agency.

- The Jewish Agency reportedly believes that despite official Arab condemnation of outbreaks of violence, the Mufti's adherents on the Arab Higher Executive (Husse Ghouri, Sheikh Rafiq Tawini and Sheikh Hassan Abu-Ga'ad) are responsible for promoting outbreaks and frustrating efforts to end them.
- According to the Agency, the Mufti considers sporadic outbreaks inadequate to create a situation compelling intervention by the Arab states but will possibly engineer demonstrations on suitable occasions, such as the arrival of the United Nations Palestine Commission. (Concern for the safety of the commission allegedly has also been expressed by the British High Commissioner.)
- Plans for large scale disturbances presumably are hampered by the following considerations:
 - The British apparently will not allow a total breakdown of law and order and will take counter-measures against rioters.
 - The Fellahin have not yet joined in acts of violence.
 - Reliance on irresponsible elements might jeopardize the Mufti's authority and ability to conduct organized operations.
- The Mufti is believed by the Jewish Agency to be continuing his efforts to induce the Arab League to recognize him as head of the government in exile for the whole of Palestine, his efforts to that end being opposed by Iraq and Trans-Jordan.

Washington Note: Information previously received indicates that the Arab League does not contemplate the formation of an Arab government. [See SO 10041, 5 December 1947.]

- Arab concern over the possible breakdown of communications and utility services allegedly have been expressed to the British High Commissioner by Dr. Munayn Fakhri Khalidi, Secretary of the Arab Higher Executive.

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